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**Library and Information Services**

**OLIS Announces PLA Conference Contest**

The Public Library Association's 11<sup>th</sup> National Conference will be held in Boston, Massachusetts from March 21-25, 2006 (see [www.placonference.org](http://www.placonference.org)) This conference has always received high marks for its focused program content and extreme relevance to public library staff and those who aspire to work in this challenging and exciting library arena. With this in mind, the Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Services, as part of its commitment to improved public library service and in accordance with its Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) program priorities, is setting aside funding for up to five Rhode Island public library staff members or University of Rhode Island library school students considering a career in public library service to attend this worthwhile conference.

The application process is simple: just submit the attached application, a completed PLA registration form and a short essay by Friday, January 6 and you will have a chance to be a part of the rewarding and educational experience that is a PLA conference. OLIS will pay your registration fee if you are chosen. OLIS encourages all who are interested to apply for this exciting opportunity to join public librarians from all over the country in March in Boston.



**The Institute of Museum and Library Services provides partial funding for the Office of Library and Information Services.**

**Application for Subsidy to Attend PLA**  
**as provided by federal Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) funding**  
**administered by the RI Office of Library and Information Services**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Amount you are applying for: (please check)**

**PLA Member (\$200)** \_\_\_\_\_ **ALA Member (\$250)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nonmember (\$300)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student (\$75)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a short essay -- no more than one page in length -- which addresses the importance of attending the PLA Conference to your career development and/or job performance. Send completed application, your essay, and a completed PLA advance registration form (go to [www.placonference.org](http://www.placonference.org) , link to “Register Now”, and link to “Printable Registration Form”) to Frank Iacono, RI Office of Library and Information Services, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 by Friday, January 6, 2006. Submissions can be sent via the LORI delivery system (code DSL) or regular mail and must be received no later than January 6. Winners will be notified by January 11.**

**Reminder: Contest eligibility is limited to Rhode Island public library staff members and University of Rhode Island library school students.**